

**Final Examination, 15 December 1998**  
**SM311O (Fall 1998)**

*The following formulas may be useful to you:*

$$a) \oint_C \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int \int_S \nabla \times \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{A},$$

$$b) \rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} \right) = -\nabla p + \mu \Delta \mathbf{v} + \rho \mathbf{F}, \quad \text{div } \mathbf{v} = 0.$$

$$c) -fv = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + A_V \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}, \quad fu = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + A_V \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2}, \quad 0 = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g.$$

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1. (a) Let  $\mathbf{v} = \langle x^2 z, y \sin(xy), e^{-xz} \rangle$ . Find the divergence of  $\mathbf{v}$ .  
 (b)  $\mathbf{v} = \langle \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, -\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, 0 \rangle$ . Find the curl of  $\mathbf{v}$ .  
 (c) Let  $f(x, y) = e^{2x} \sin 3\pi y$ . Find the direction of steepest descent at  $P = (0, \frac{1}{4})$ .
2. Verify by direct differentiation if  
 (a)  $u(z) = e^z \cos z$  is a solution of  $u'''' + a^2 u = 0$  for any  $a$ .  
 (b)  $u(x, y) = \sin 3x \sin 4y$  is an eigenfunction of the Laplace operator  $-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$ . What is the eigenvalue?
3. Parametrize the following curves and surfaces:  
 (a) The plane passing through the points  $(1, 1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 3, 2)$ , and  $(1, 0, 5)$ .  
 (b) The curve  $x^2 + 3y^2 = 2$ .  
 (c) The upper hemisphere of radius 2 centered at  $(1, -1, 1)$ .
4. (a) The function  $\phi(x, y, z) = ax^2y^2 + by^2z^2 + cz^2x^2 - x$  is the potential for a velocity vector field  $\mathbf{v}$ . Determine the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  so that the velocity of the particle located at  $(1, -2, 3)$  is zero.  
 (b) The function  $\psi(x, y) = ax^2 - xy + by^2$  is the stream function of a velocity field  $\mathbf{v}$ . Find  $a$  and  $b$  so that the velocity of the particle located at  $(-1, 4)$  is perpendicular to  $\langle 1, 1 \rangle$ .
5. (a) Consider the velocity vector field  $\mathbf{v} = \langle x^2 - y^2, -2xy + x^3 \rangle$ . Does this vector field have a stream function? If yes, find it.  
 (b) Let  $u$  and  $v$  be the velocities in a geostrophic flow with  $A_V = 0$ . What is the geometric relationship between the isobars and the particle paths of typical fluid particles?

6. A flow is called barotropic if the pressure field  $p$  is a function of the density  $\rho$ , that is,  $p = f(\rho)$  for some function  $f$ .
- (a) Compute  $\nabla p$  in terms of  $\nabla \rho$ . What can you conclude about  $\nabla p \times \nabla \rho$  in a barotropic flow? Why? What does this result say about the isobars and isopycnals of the flow? Why?
- (b) Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x$ . Suppose that the density at  $P = (1, 2, 3)$  is 1.003. Furthermore, suppose that the pressure gradient at  $P$  is  $\langle 3, 4, 2 \rangle$ . What is the density gradient at  $P$ ?
7. (a) Let  $p$  and  $\rho$  be two arbitrary smooth functions of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ . Use direct differentiation and prove the identity

$$\nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \right) = -\frac{1}{\rho^2} (\nabla \rho \times \nabla p).$$

- (b) Use the above identity, the conclusion in 6(a), and the Stokes theorem to compute the line integral  $\oint_C \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  where  $C$  is a closed curve and  $p$  and  $\rho$  are the pressure and density of a barotropic flow.
8. Consider the following heat conduction problem:

$$u_t = 5u_{xx}, \quad u(0, t) = u(2, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = 1.3 \sin \frac{\pi x}{2} + 3.4 \sin 2\pi x.$$

- (a) Describe a physical model for which the above BVP makes sense.
- (b) Assuming that  $u$  is the temperature, find the units of the physical quantity whose value is 5 in the heat equation.
- (c) Use separation of variables and find the solution to this problem.
- (d) Use the first nonzero term of the above solution and estimate how long it takes for the temperature at  $x = 1$  to reach 50 per cent of its original value.
9. Let  $\mathbf{v} = \langle y^2, 2xy \rangle$  be the velocity field of a fluid.
- (a) Compute the vorticity of the flow. Is the flow irrotational anywhere in the  $xy$ -plane?
- (b) Compute the acceleration  $\mathbf{a}$  of this flow. Does  $\mathbf{a}$  have a potential  $p$ ? If yes, find it.
10. Consider the viscous geostrophic equations listed on the previous page. Assuming that  $u$  and  $v$  are only functions of  $z$ , that  $\rho$ ,  $f$ , and  $A_V$  are constants, and that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} u(z) = U$ , a constant, and  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} v(z) = 0$ ,
- (a) Prove that  $\nabla p$  must be a constant vector.
- (b) Find the ODE that  $u$  must satisfy.